(d) The safeguards being taken are

(1) Monitoring of pollution at source from the industries in the Agra-Mathura region;

(2) Several National Scientific Institutions and laboratories are involved in studies relating to pollution control and effects of gaseous emission on marble;

(3) Removal of accretions of the Taj Mahal through application of chemical-clay-pack; and

(4) Experts in conservation are consulted for adopting protective measures.

Revival of All India Appellate Tribunal

2728. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI;
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently recommended for the revival of the All India Labour Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the decisions of all the Labour Courts. Industrial Tribunals and other authorities constituted under the labour laws;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Press reports indicate that the Supreme Court in its judgment delivered recently underlined the need for re-establishment of All-India Labour Appellate Tribunal with powers to hear appeals against the decisions of all Labour Courts, Industrial Tribunals and even of the authorities constituted under several labour laws enacted by the States so that a body of uniform and sound principles of labour laws could be evolved for the benefit of industry and labour throuch-out India.

(c) Government is yet to study the judgment.

New Labour Policy

2729. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any new labour policy;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) to (c) The policies of the Government are constantly under review and whenever any changes axe made these are announced. For instance, the National Policy on Child Labour has been announced in both the Houses of Parliament on the 12th August, 1987.

Import of liquor

2730. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of foreign liquor imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) which were the countries from which the import was made- along-with the quantities;

(c) what was the quantum of foreign exchange involved in the import of foreign liquor during each of the last three years; and

(d) whether Government propose to ban the import of foreign liquor with a view to giving a boost to domestic liquor industry; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) Liquor is a consumer item and its import is restricted under the Import-Export Policy. The import of this item is, however, allowed to a limited extent to 1-5 Star hotels, tourist hotels approved by Deptt. of Tourism against their incentive quota as

per the provisions contained in Paragraph 144 of the Import Policy. Data regarding actual imports mine and the sources of import is available only upto 1984-85. Desired information from 1982-83 to 1984-85 is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* Appendix CXLIII Annexure No. 103). Further, information about the vlue of the licences issued during the year 1984-85 to 1985—87 is given below:

1984-85	.Rs. 93.96,015/-
1985-86 . .	Rs. 1,37.88.714/-
1986-87	Rs. 1.65,32,828/-

Cut in US aid to India

2731. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRl RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI CHANDRESH P,, THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a)' whether U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee has considerably reduced development aid to India under the Foreign Aid Authorisation Bill approved by it; and

(b) if so, what axe the reasons advanced by the US Committee for the decision and what is OUT Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. This Aid Bill is yet to be considered by the full Touse of Representatives.

(b) The House Foreign Affairs Committee has advanced no reasons for the proposed aid cut. Government strongly regret the Committee's decision which, as Government sees? it, has resulted from a misconception of India's foreign policy.

Export of textiles to U.S.S.R.

2732. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-level team of the National Textile Corporation is to visit the USSR to discuss ways and means to rugment export of textiles to that country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The memorandum of understanding signed as a result of the visit to USSR in June, 1987 of a high level NTC de legation led by its Chairman-cum-Managing Director provides, *inter alia,* that NTC delegation will visit Moscow at the end of September, 1987 to negotiate for signing the deal relating to new varieties.

Criminals joining hands with terrorists

2733. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that criminals have joined hands with terrorists in Delhi and Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the measures taken to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF SrATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The interrogation of some of the arrested terrorists in Punjab has reveMed their j links with criminals. In Delhi also investigation reveals that some of the terrorists operating in the capital have criminal back-grounds.

(b) Steps taken include raiding the hideouts of terrorists, their harbour-ers and associates, arrest/detention of I persons suspected of indulging jn terrorist activities, etc.